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Re: Docket UE-_____—Affiliate Interest Filing—PacifiCorp and BNSF Railway Company

Under the provisions of RCW 80.16.020 and in accordance with WAC 480-100-245, PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp), provides notice of an affiliated interest transaction with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) for a license, Electric Supply Line Acrossor Along Railway Property (Permit #23W-17129) (License), allowing PacifiCorp to construct and maintain an electric supply line containing a maximum of four new conductors, together with its supporting or containing structures, across or along the rail corridor of BNSF at or near the station of Umatilla, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon, Line Segment 0047, Mile Post OPP 193.26, as shown on the attached Drawing No. 87343, dated August 1, 2023, and included with the License as Exhibit “A”. The term for the License is 25 years. A verified copy of the proposed License accompanies this Notice as Attachment A. Also included with this filing is a verification from Imogen Taylor, Senior Property Agent, regarding the License.

PacifiCorp is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company (BHE). BHE is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. BNSF is also a subsidiary of BerkshireHathaway, Inc. RCW 80.16.010 includes in its definition of “affiliated interest”, “every corporation five percent or more of whose voting securities are owned by any person or corporation owning five percent or more of the voting securities of such public service company or by any person or corporation in any such chain of successive ownership of five percent or more of voting securities.” Therefore, the ownership interest of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., in BHE and in BNSF creates an affiliated interest relationship between PacifiCorp and BNSF.

BNSF uses standardized pricing for these types of permits. PacifiCorp will pay \$18,566.00 for the 25-year License, which includes the application fee and insurance. Obtaining this License is in the public interest because it allows PacifiCorp to work on facilities at or near the Umatilla station. This work is necessary to build facilities needed to serve its customers, including BNSF. Without the License, PacifiCorp cannot meet its obligation to provide safe and reliable electric service. As the property owner, BNSF is the only entity that can grant the License to PacifiCorp.

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Sincerely,

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